

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

KIMBERLY BERNARD, Derivatively on  
Behalf of MARATHON DIGITAL  
HOLDINGS, INC. (f/k/a MARATHON  
PATENT GROUP, INC.),

Plaintiff,

v.

FRED THEIL, GEORGES ANTOUN, KEVIN  
DENUCCIO, SARITA JAMES, JAY LEUPP,  
SAID OUISSAL, MERRICK D. OKAMOTO,  
and SIMEON SALZMAN,

Defendants,

and

MARATHON DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC.  
(f/k/a MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.),

Nominal Defendant.

CASE NO.: 2:22-cv-00305

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE IN  
THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED TO  
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND  
DESIGNATION OF LOCAL  
COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Jonathan D. Polkes, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:  
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 767 Fifth Avenue,  
(street address)

New York, New York, 10153,  
(city) (state) (zip code)

212-310-8881, jonathan.polkes@weil.com,  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

all Defendants and Nominal Defendant to provide legal representation in connection with  
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since 09/30/1985, Petitioner has been and presently is a  
 (date)  
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of New York  
 (state)  
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District  
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts  
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good  
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
See Ex. A		

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,  
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory  
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or  
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None.

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

Federal Bar Council

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
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None.

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)


9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

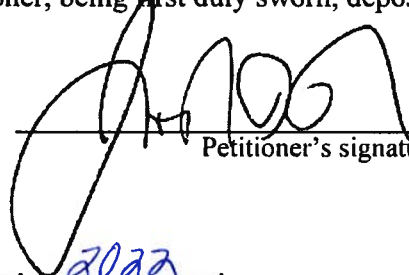
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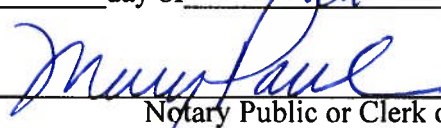
  
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Jonathan D. Polkes, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
That the foregoing statements are true.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

22 day of March, 2022.

  
Petitioner's signature

  
Notary Public or Clerk of Court

MARY PAUL  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 24-4895779  
Qualified in Kings County  
Commission Expires June 22, 2023

### DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.

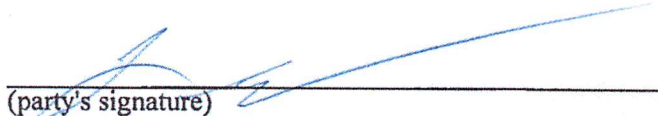
Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner  
believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate James Pisanelli,  
(name of local counsel)  
Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the  
above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of  
said designated Nevada counsel is:

Pisanelli Bice, PLLC 400 South 7th St., Suite 300,  
(street address)  
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101,  
(city) (state) (zip code)  
702-214-2100, jip@pisanellibice.com,  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
3 binding on all of us.  
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) James Pisanelli as  
8 (name of local counsel)  
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

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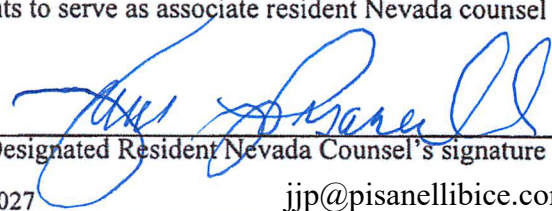
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17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

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Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

21 4027 jpp@pisanellibice.com  
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23 APPROVED:

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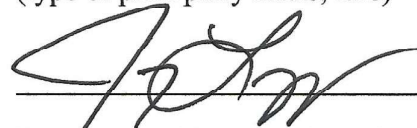
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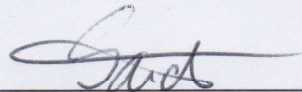
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# **Exhibit A**

## **Bar Admissions**

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<b>Court</b>	<b>Date Admitted</b>	<b>Bar Number</b>
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department	09/30/1985	2015527
U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y.	04/11/1989	JP4265
U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.	08/28/1990	JP4265
U.S. District Court, D. Col.	01/09/2008	No such number assigned
Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	03/10/2022	No such number assigned
Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit	03/25/2010	No such number assigned
Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit	09/29/2010	No such number assigned
Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit	11/29/2011	No such number assigned
Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	04/10/2019	No such number assigned

# **Exhibit B**

## **Certificate of Good Standing**



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York  
First Judicial Department*

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*I, Susanna M. Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, do hereby certify that*

*Jonathan D. Polkes*

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on September 30, 1985, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Administration Office of the Courts, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand in the City of New York on  
March 11, 2022.*



*Susanna M. Rojas*

*Clerk of the Court*



Supreme Court of the State of New York  
Appellate Division, First Department

ROLANDO T. ACOSTA  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

SUSANNA MOLINA ROJAS  
CLERK OF THE COURT

MARGARET SOWAH  
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT

To Whom It May Concern

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on the website of the Unified Court System.

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the Attorney Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department.

Bar examination history is available from the New York State Board of Law Examiners.

Instructions, forms and links are available on this Court's website.

Susanna Rojas  
Clerk of the Court

Revised October 2020